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Dear Senior Staff,

I am writing to inform you of an error and misjudgment on my part, and to apologize. A few weeks ago, I applied for what I thought was a valid degree from an accredited educational institution. I was awarded a PhD that I believed to be valid. I discovered last Sunday that this institution is a hoax. I had been naïve and foolish to believe what I did, but I did so in good faith. I briefly used the PhD designation not to mislead, but because I thought I had earned it based on experience and accomplishments.

I have corrected my degree information, i.e., MPH wherever necessary. I am truly sorry for having made this error and apologize for any problem this may cause you and the State Laboratory Institute-.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph Timperi

p.s. Please forgive the impersonal nature of using an e-mail to convey this information, but I wanted you to have it quickly.